envisaged in terms of 365 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda field and Letter of Intents issued for setting up of units in various sectors of food processing.

Transfer of Officials in Central Hindi Directorate

2426. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission has issued any orders according to which Government officials holding the posts for sanctioning financial aid/grants should be transferred within a fixed period;

(b) if so, whether this order is not being followed in the Central Hindi Directorate and the officials working on the posts for sanctioning financial aid/grants to institutions are holding these posts continuously for the last 7-8 years; and

(c) if so, the necessary steps being taken by Government, to ensure compliance of aforesaid orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Central Vigilance Commission has issued orders on 15.4.99 wherein it has directed that rotational transfers be made at periodic intervals of officers holding sensitive posts.

(b) and (c) Yes, the order is being followed by the Central Hindi Directorate, a subordinate office of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education. Two officials who have been dealing with grants for long have been transferred recently. There are no other officials in the financial aid section who have been working there continuously for the last seven-eight years.

Qualifications of persons writing text books

2427. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and educational qualifications of persons who have been entrusted with the task of writing the NCERT textbooks;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the mistakes which include (i) 'Madagascar is an Island in the Arabian Sea'; (ii) 'The Czars is the name of dynasty'; and (iii) 'The Great Wall of China has been made of terra-cotta'; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The task of writing textbooks in NCERT is undertaken by well qualified persons including the NCERT faculty and outside experts with requisite experience of teaching and or development of instructional materials in the concerned areas. The names of authors have been printed on the textbooks.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Errors relating to (i) and (ii) of part (b) have since been corrected by NCERT. However, in the relevant book of social science for class VI, it has been correctly mentioned that the tomb of an emperor containing an army of 8000 soldiers was made of Terracotta and not the Great Wall of China. Hence, no correction is required.

Discrepancies in population policy

2428. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has asked to explain certain discrepancies in population policy of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to review the National family welfare programme and policy to ensure that there is no violation of the spirit behind the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c), As per the information furnished by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, a notice was received from National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on a complaint filed by the "Centre for Women's Development Studies" in respect of Population Policy. It has been alleged in the complaint that the letter and spirit of the National Population Policy (NPP) is being violated in various ways and NHRC has been requested to take cognizance